



Friends of High Town

High Town Improvement and Action Group

Minutes of meeting held on 7th February 2020 9.00am for 9.15am

1. Present- three residents, Cllrs Hopkins and Malcolm, SW, GB, enforcement team x 3.

Welcome to Tim Cahalaune, new to the Enforcement Team and PC Charlie Groh, responsible for the wards of Barnfield and High Town.

2. Police matters. Duane due to stop working as PCSO for High Town. Report on JAG meeting that was held at LBC day before, involving both the police and community safety. Involved the Eight Streets project which means concentrating on the 8 most problematic streets in the High Town area- includes Havelock Road, Dudley Street, High Town Road, William Street and Frederick Street. Focus will be littering/fly tipping, ASB and sexual exploitation. Project will involve a lot of information on social media as well activities to involve local communities.

Action- to have this initiative as a regular item on HTIAG meetings and offer publicity for planned activities.

Thanks given to PC Groh by local resident for his in-put at LBC meeting on 27.01.20 as he provided information to support petition submitted by MA.

3. Paths Estate -nothing to report. We are aware that there regular residents' meetings so will be important to ensure local in-put if wanted.

Action – GB to contact either OK or RA at LBC to take matter further.

4. Litter picking - to work with activities planned by St Matthew's School on 20/03/20 and Woodcraft Folk on 04/04/20. GB explained that F of HT have traditionally worked on litter picking with Signposts who tend to have public liability insurance etc. Getting in contact with person now responsible has proved difficult. Next meeting will be on 06/03/20 so can use that meeting to give last minute information. Enforcement Team may run a litter picking day before then as part of 8 streets. Will be in contact if this happens.

Action- F of HT volunteers will distribute posters and flyers as required over next month.

5. Edward Street- MA reported re occurring problems with her neighbour who was undertaking very noisy renovations. Enforcement Team to investigate. Fly

tipping at end of street- Enforcement to talk to LBC to see if some kind of screening can be put in place. Police aware that there might be a rise in ASB in road in coming summer months, particular from one house. Police to consider whether it will be appropriate to challenge HMO licence for property.

- 6. HMO petition-** MA reported on meeting at LBC on 27/01/20. On the whole positive-helpful information submitted by police at the meeting to support imposition of Article 4. LBC officers are to complete their report on whether Article 4 should be adopted either in whole or part. Leader Hazel Simmons was firmly of a view that she wanted a report on matter for next but one planned meeting. Takes 12 months to implement Article 4 and it is noticeable that properties in High Town are not as in a good state as in Round Green.

- 7. Events-**Litter picking -see above.

Precious Pearls – women only event to be held at Methodist Church ,High Town Road from 6.30 to 8.30am on Thursday 5th March

- 8. Next meeting-** 6th March 2020 9.00am for 9.15am. **Please note that venue maybe at Coffee Lounge,Eagle Hotel,High Town Road. More details to follow nearer the date.**